Vigil of Easter

The congregation gathers outside in silence near the new fire.

Worship Key
P: Pastor
A: Assisting Minister
C: *Congregation*

Gathering

Prelude — *Suite No. 2*
Jamie Gallupe, Cello — Bach

Welcome and Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C: And also with you.

P: Sisters and brothers in Christ, on this most holy night when our Savior Jesus Christ passed from death to life, we gather with the church throughout the world in vigil and prayer. This is the Passover of Jesus Christ. Through light and the word, through water and oil, bread and wine, we proclaim Christ's death and resurrection, share Christ's triumph over sin and death, and await Christ's coming again in glory.

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Blessing of the New Fire

P: Let us pray.

C: Eternal God, in Jesus Christ you have given the light of life to all the world. Bless this new fire, and increase in us a desire to shine forth with the brightness of Christ's rising, until we feast at the banquet of eternal light; through the Sun of righteousness, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing of the Paschal Candle

P: Christ, yesterday and today, ☩ the
beginning Α and the ending. Ω
To Christ belongs all time 2
and all the ages; 0
to Christ belongs glory and dominion 2
now and forever. 3

C: Amen.

Lighting of the Candle

P: The light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness
of our hearts and minds.

Procession

The procession begins, led by the assisting minister bearing the paschal candle. During the procession, light from the paschal candle is passed until the peoples' candles are all lighted.

The procession begins, the following is sung three times:

The paschal candle is placed in its stand. All may find their places and keep their candles lit.

Easter Proclamation

P: Siblings in Christ, celebrate with exultation our risen Christ. As Christ rises from the dead, let us give thanks for the gift of light, for water, and for bread. On this night, we sing the glories of God's deliverance throughout history. Where there was death, you brought life. Where there was famine, you fed your people. Continue your rule amongst your people so we continue to know your resurrection. **C: Amen.**

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Prayer of the Day

C: Eternal giver of life and light, this holy night shines with the radiance of the risen Christ. Renew your church with the Spirit given us in baptism, that we may worship you in sincerity and truth and may shine as a light in the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Invitation to the Word

P: My siblings, we have begun our solemn vigil. Let us continue to watch and pray, listening to the Word of God, recalling how God saved God's people throughout history, and in the fullness of time.

Word

First Reading - Creation

A reading from **Genesis 1:1~2:4a**

[1]In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, [2]the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. [3]Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. [4]And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. [5]God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

[6]And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." [7]So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. [8]God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

[9]And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. [10]God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. [11]Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. [12]The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every

kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. [13]And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

[14]And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, [15]and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. [16]God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. [17]God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, [18]to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. [19]And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

[20]And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." [21]So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. [22]God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." [23]And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

[24]And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. [25]God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

[26]Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." [27]So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.[28]God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." [29]God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. [30]And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. [31]God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. [2:1]Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. [2]And on the

seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day
from all the work that he had done. [3]So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it,
because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation. [4a]These are the
generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

Prayer

Silent reflection.

C: Almighty God, you wonderfully created the dignity of human nature and yet more wonderfully restored it. In your mercy, let us share the divine life of the one who came to share our humanity, Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

Continue to next page for the sung response.

Sung Response

For the Fruit of All Creation

1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.
For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.
For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
In our world-wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,
fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

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Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958
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Second Reading - Deliverance at the Red Sea

A reading from **Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21**

10 As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians
advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the LORD. 11 They said to
Moses, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to
die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? 12 Is this not
the very thing we told you in Egypt, 'Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians'? For it
would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness."
13 But Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance
that the LORD will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today
you shall never see again. 14 The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to keep
still."

15 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to
go forward. 16 But you lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and
divide it, that the Israelites may go into the sea on dry ground. 17 Then I will harden the
hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them; and so I will gain glory for
myself over Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots, and his chariot drivers. 18 And the
Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I have gained glory for myself over
Pharaoh, his chariots, and his chariot drivers."

19 The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went
behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place
behind them.

2 It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was
there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all
night.

21 Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by
a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were
divided. 22 The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for
them on their right and on their left. 23 The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea
after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. 24 At the morning
watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army,

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2 Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand; and all
the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing. 21 And Miriam sang

to them: "Sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea."
and threw the Egyptian army into panic. [25]He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt."

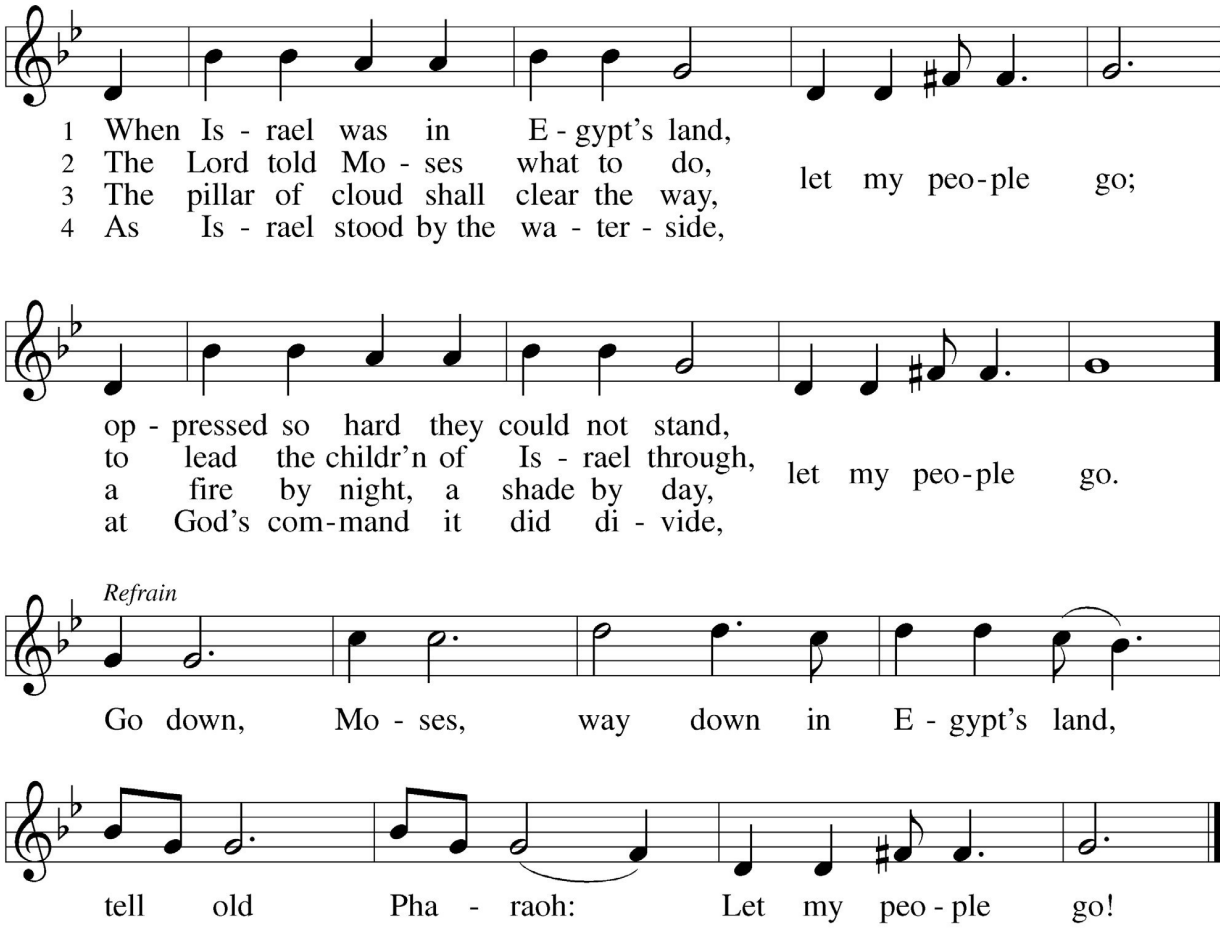
[26]Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." [27]So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth.

As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. [28]The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. [29]But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. [30]Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. [31]Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

Sung Response

When Israel Was in Egypt's Land

Go Down, Moses


1 When Is - rael was in E - gypt's land,
2 The Lord told Mo - ses what to do,
3 The pillar of cloud shall clear the way,
4 As Is - rael stood by the wa - ter - side,
let my peo-ple go;
op - pressed so hard they could not stand,
to lead the childr'n of Is - rael through,
a fire by night, a shade by day,
at God's com-mand it did di - vide,
let my peo-ple go.
Refrain
Go down, Mo - ses, way down in E - gypt's land,
tell old Pha - raoh: Let my peo - ple go!

5 When they had reached the other shore,
let my people go;
they sang the song of triumph o'er,
let my people go. *Refrain*

6 Oh, let us all from bondage flee,
let my people go;
and let us all in Christ be free,
let my people go. *Refrain*

Text: African American spiritual
Music: TUBMAN, African American spiritual

Prayer

Silent reflection.

C: O God, whose wonderful deeds of old shine forth even to our own day: By the power of your mighty arm you once delivered your chosen people from slavery under Pharaoh, a sign for us of the salvation offered to everyone by the water of baptism. Grant that all the peoples of earth may partake in the salvation of the Israelites and together dance on the safe side of the sea, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Third Reading - Salvation Freely Given To All

A reading from **Isaiah 55:1-11**

[1]Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come,
buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. [2]Why do
you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does
not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

[3]Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.

[4]See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples.
[5]See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you
shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has
glorified you.

[6]Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; [7]let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

[8]For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the
LORD.

[9]For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

[10]For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there
until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to
the sower and bread to the eater, [11]so shall my word be that goes out from my
mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I
purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

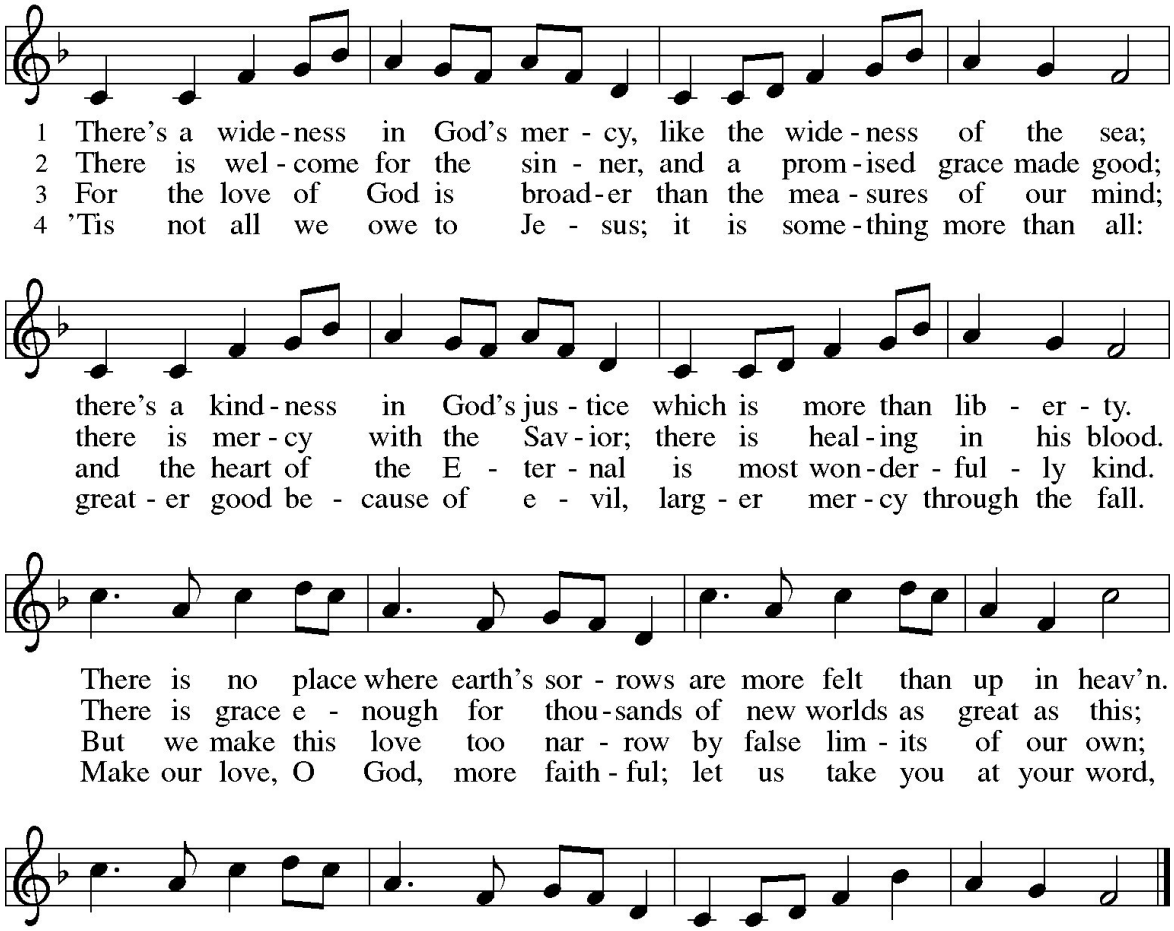
Prayer

Silent reflection.

C: Holy God, you created all things by the power of your Word, and you renew the whole earth by your Spirit. Give now the water of life to all who thirst for you, that, rejoicing in your covenant of mercy, we may bring forth abundant fruit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Sung Response

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy


1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide-ness of the sea;
2 There is wel-come for the sin - ner, and a prom-ised grace made good;
3 For the love of God is broad-er than the mea-sures of our mind;
4 'Tis not all we owe to Je - sus; it is some-thing more than all:
there's a kind-ness in God's jus-tice which is more than lib - er - ty.
there is mer-cy with the Sav-ior; there is heal-ing in his blood.
and the heart of the E - ter-nal is most won-der - ful - ly kind.
great-er good be - cause of e - vil, larg - er mer-cy through the fall.
There is no place where earth's sor-rows are more felt than up in heav'n.
There is grace e - nough for thou-sands of new worlds as great as this;
But we make this love too nar - row by false lim-its of our own;
Make our love, O God, more faith-ful; let us take you at your word,
There is no place where earth's fail-ings have such kind-ly judg-ment giv'n.
there is room for fresh cre - a - tions in that up-per home of bliss.
and we mag-ni - fy its strict-ness with a zeal God will not own.
and our lives will be thanks-giv - ing for the good-ness of the Lord.

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814–1863, alt.
Music: LORD, REVIVE US, North American, 19th cent.

Fourth Reading - Deliverance from the Fiery Furnace

A reading from **Daniel 3:1-29**

[1]King Nebuchadnezzar made a golden statue whose height was sixty cubits and whose width was six cubits; he set it up on the plain of Dura in the province of Babylon. [2]Then King Nebuchadnezzar sent for the satraps, the prefects, and the governors, the counselors, the treasurers, the justices, the magistrates, and all the officials of the provinces, to assemble and come to the dedication of the statue that

King Nebuchadnezzar had set up. [3]So the satraps, the prefects, and the governors, the counselors, the treasurers, the justices, the magistrates, and all the officials of the provinces, assembled for the dedication of the statue that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up. When they were standing before the statue that Nebuchadnezzar had set up, [4]the herald proclaimed aloud, "You are commanded, O peoples, nations, and languages, [5]that when you hear the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, drum, and entire musical ensemble, you are to fall down and worship the golden statue that King Nebuchadnezzar has set up. [6]Whoever does not fall down and worship shall immediately be thrown into a furnace of blazing fire." [7]Therefore, as soon as all the peoples heard the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, drum, and entire musical ensemble, all the peoples, nations, and languages fell down and worshiped the golden statue that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up.

[8]Accordingly, at this time certain Chaldeans came forward and denounced the Jews. [9]They said to King Nebuchadnezzar, "O king, live forever! [10]You, O king, have made a decree, that everyone who hears the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, drum, and entire musical ensemble, shall fall down and worship the golden statue, [11]and whoever does not fall down and worship shall be thrown into a furnace of blazing fire. [12]There are certain Jews whom you have appointed over the affairs of the province of Babylon: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. These pay no heed to you, O king. They do not serve your gods and they do not worship the golden statue that you have set up."

[13]Then Nebuchadnezzar in furious rage commanded that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego be brought in; so they brought those men before the king.
[14]Nebuchadnezzar said to them, "Is it true, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, that you do not serve my gods and you do not worship the golden statue that I have set up? [15]Now if you are ready when you hear the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, drum, and entire musical ensemble to fall down and worship the statue that I have made, well and good. But if you do not worship, you shall immediately be thrown into a furnace of blazing fire, and who is the god that will deliver you out of my hands?"[16]Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to present a defense to you in this matter. [17]If our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the furnace of blazing fire and out of your hand, O king, let him deliver us. [18]But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods and we will not worship the golden statue that you have set up." [19]Then Nebuchadnezzar was so filled with rage against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego that his face was distorted. He ordered the furnace heated up seven times more than

was customary, [20]and ordered some of the strongest guards in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego and to throw them into the furnace of blazing fire. [21]So the men were bound, still wearing their tunics, their trousers, their hats, and their other garments, and they were thrown into the furnace of blazing fire. [22]Because the king's command was urgent and the furnace was so overheated, the raging flames killed the men who lifted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. [23]But the three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, fell down, bound, into the furnace of blazing fire.

[24]Then King Nebuchadnezzar was astonished and rose up quickly. He said to his counselors, "Was it not three men that we threw bound into the fire?" They answered the king, "True, O king." [25]He replied, "But I see four men unbound, walking in the middle of the fire, and they are not hurt; and the fourth has the appearance of a god." [26]Nebuchadnezzar then approached the door of the furnace of blazing fire and said, "Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out! Come here!" So Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego came out from the fire. [27]And the satraps, the prefects, the governors, and the king's counselors gathered together and saw that the fire had not had any power over the bodies of those men; the hair of their heads was not singed, their tunics were not harmed, and not even the smell of fire came from them. [28]Nebuchadnezzar said, "Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who has sent his angel and delivered his servants who trusted in him. They disobeyed the king's command and yielded up their bodies rather than serve and worship any god except their own God. [29]Therefore I make a decree: Any people, nation, or language that utters blasphemy against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego shall be torn limb from limb, and their houses laid in ruins; for there is no other god who is able to deliver in this way."

Prayer

Silent reflection.

C: Almighty and eternal God, the only hope of the world, by the proclamation of your prophets you declare to us the word of salvation. By the grace of your Spirit increase the devotion of all the baptized, that, strengthened by your presence, we may withstand hardship and sorrow and be united with your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Sung Response

Blessed Be the God of Israel
1 Blessed be the God of Is - ra - el who comes to set us free
2 With prom-ised mer - cy will God still the cov - e - nant re - call,
3 My child, as proph-et of the Lord you will pre-pare the way,
and rais - es up new hope for us: a Branch from Da-vid's tree.
the oath once sworn to A - bra-ham, from foes to save us all;
to tell God's peo - ple they are saved from sin's e - ter-nal sway.
So have the proph-ets long de-clared that with a might-y arm
that we might wor - ship with-out fear and of - fer lives of praise,
Then shall God's mer - cy from on high shine forth and nev - er cease
God would turn back our en - e - mies and all who wish us harm.
in ho - li - ness and righ - teous-ness to serve God all our days.
to drive a - way the gloom of death and lead us in - to peace.

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Prayer for Creation and All the Saints

P: Let us pray for God's redemption in all of creation, together with all the saints.

C: All you heavens, bless the Lord. Stars of heaven, bless the Lord. Sun and moon, bless the Lord; and you, night and day, bless the Lord. Frost and cold, bless the Lord. Ice and snow, bless the Lord. Fire and heat, bless the Lord; and you, light and darkness, bless the Lord. Spirits and souls of the just, bless the Lord. Saints and humble of heart, bless the Lord. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for God's love has no end. The Lord is my strength, the Lord is my song; God has been my Savior. I shall not die, I shall live. I shall live and recount God's deeds.

Silence

Prayer

P: Almighty and eternal God, the only hope of the world, by the proclamation of your prophets you declare to us the mysteries of your salvation. By the grace of your Spirit increase the devotion of all the baptized, that strengthened by your presence we may withstand hardship and sorrow and be united with your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Gospel Acclamation/Procession

Refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. 1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb
who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.
Refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. 2 Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and
strength, and hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his.

Refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. 3 Sing with all the peo-ple of
God, and join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing, hon-or,
glo-ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.
Refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. 4 For the Lamb who was
slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.
Final refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

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Gospel Reading

P: The Holy Gospel according to John 20:1-18

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[1]Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to
the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. [2]So she ran and
went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them,
"They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid
him." [3]Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. [4]The two
were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first.
[5]He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in.
[6]Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen
wrappings lying there, [7]and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the
linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. [8]Then the other disciple, who reached
the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; [9]for as yet they did not understand
the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. [10]Then the disciples returned to their
homes.

[11]But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into
the tomb; [12]and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been
lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. [13]They said to her, "Woman, why are
you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know
where they have laid him." [14]When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus
standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. [15]Jesus said to her, "Woman, why
are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she
said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I
will take him away." [16]Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew,
"Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). [17]Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me,
because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I
am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" [18]Mary
Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told
them that he had said these things to her.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Homily

Rev. Joshua Rinas

Hymn of the Day

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!

1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice and sing! Now is the tri - umph
2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; death's might - y stone is
3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that life which
4 Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to - day with
of our king! To all the world glad news we bring:
rolled a - way; let all the earth re - joice and say:
can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
one ac - cord, the life laid down, the life re - stored:
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Cyril A. Alington, 1872–1955, alt.
Music: GELOBT SEI GOTT, Melchior Vulpius, 1570–1615
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Affirmation of Baptism

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

C: I renounce them.

P: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

C: I renounce them.

P: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

C: I renounce them.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Renewal of Baptismal Vows by the Assembly

P: Siblings in Christ, our Lenten observance has ended, and the day of resurrection dawns, I ask you to renew the vows of your own baptism and be renewed in these waters of new life.

You have professed your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

C: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

P: People of God, do you promise to support and pray for one another in your life in Christ?

C: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

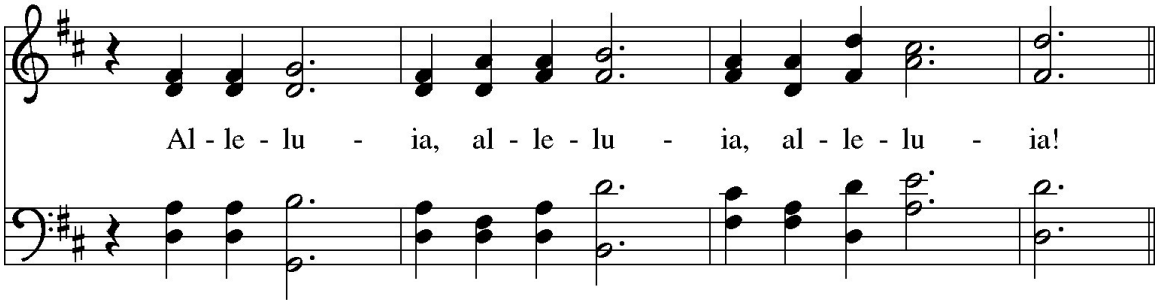
Easter Celebration

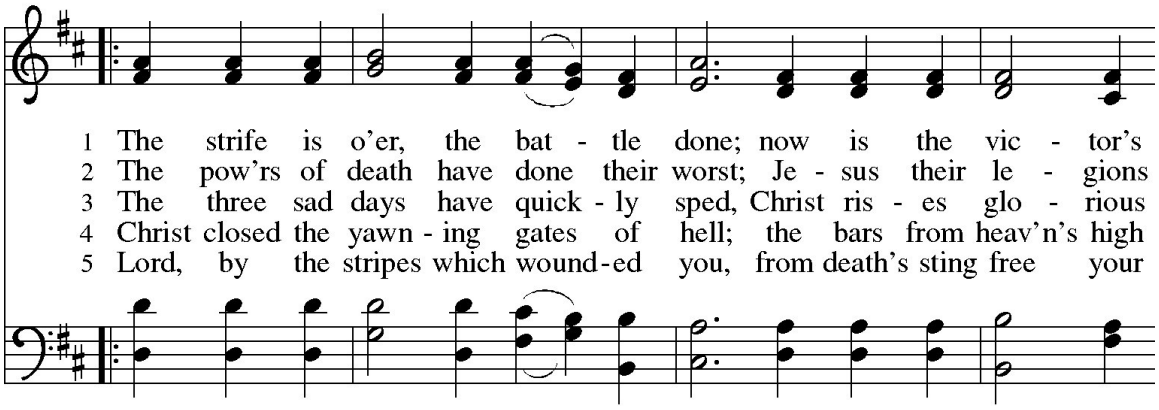
P: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia! x3

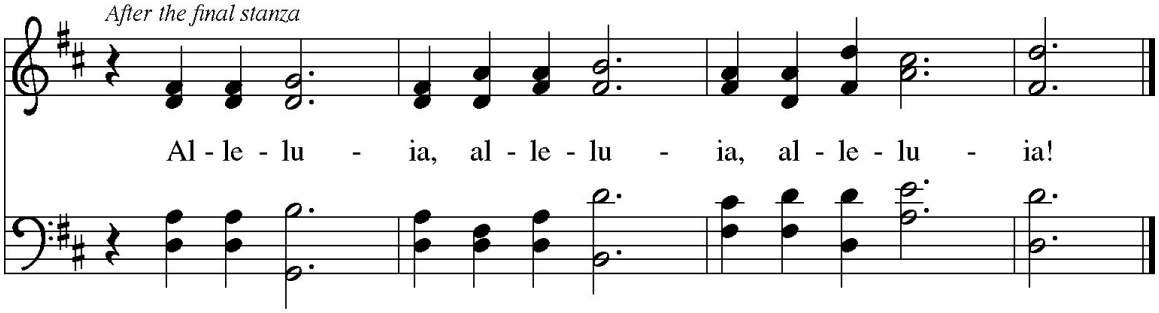
Fanfare and Hymn of Praise

The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done




1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done; now is the vic - tor's
2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst; Je - sus their le - gions
3 The three sad days have quick - ly sped, Christ ris - es glo - rious
4 Christ closed the yawn - ing gates of hell; the bars from heav'n's high
5 Lord, by the stripes which wound-ed you, from death's sting free your

tri - umph won! Now be the song of praise be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
has dis - persed. Let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
from the dead. All glo - ry to our ris - en head! Al - le - lu - ia!
por - tals fell. Let hymns of praise his tri - umph tell. Al - le - lu - ia!
ser - vants too, that we may live and sing to you. Al - le - lu - ia!



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Music: VICTORY, Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, 1525–1594; arr. William H. Monk, 1823–1889

Peace

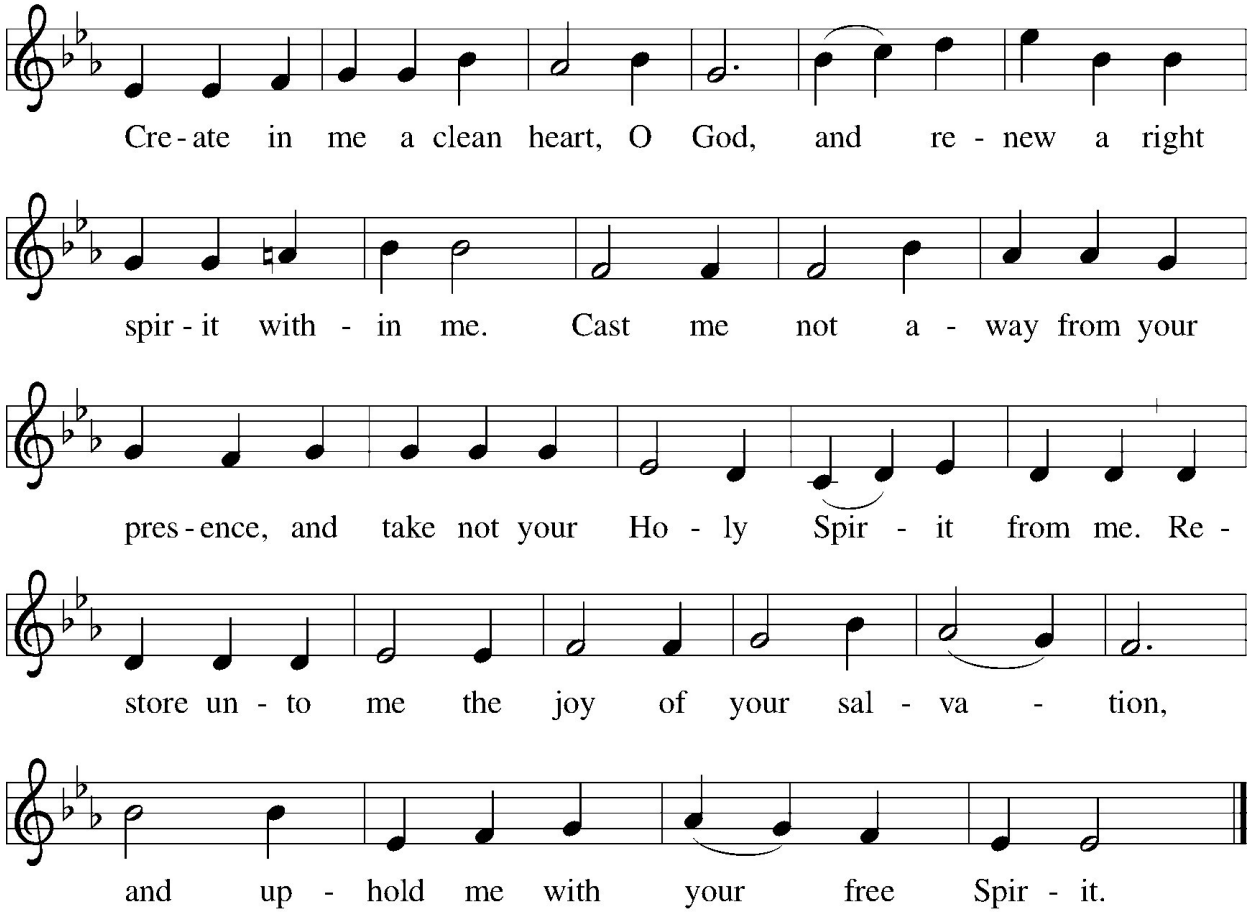
P: The peace of the risen Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Meal

Offering Hymn

Create in Me a Clean Heart


Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Music: J. A. Freylinghausen, 1670–1739

Offering Prayer

C: Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

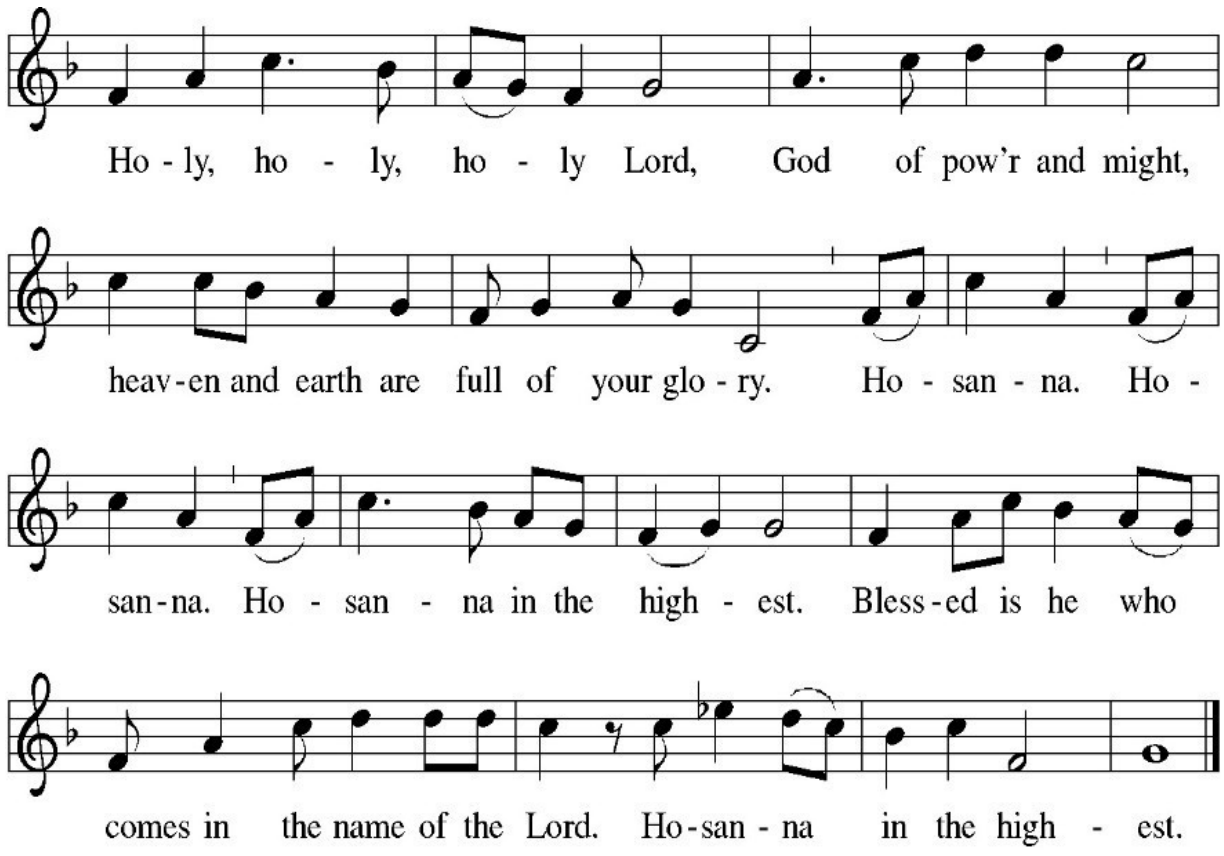
C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; whose suffering and death gave salvation to all. You gather your people around the tree of the cross, transforming death into life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the host in heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus - *The congregation joins in singing:*


Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

Eucharistic Prayer

P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe.
Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.
Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.
Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.
Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.
Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey.
Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; Broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for remembrance of me.

Again, after supper he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: O God of resurrection and new life:
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us.
Send us forth, burning with justice, peace and love.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

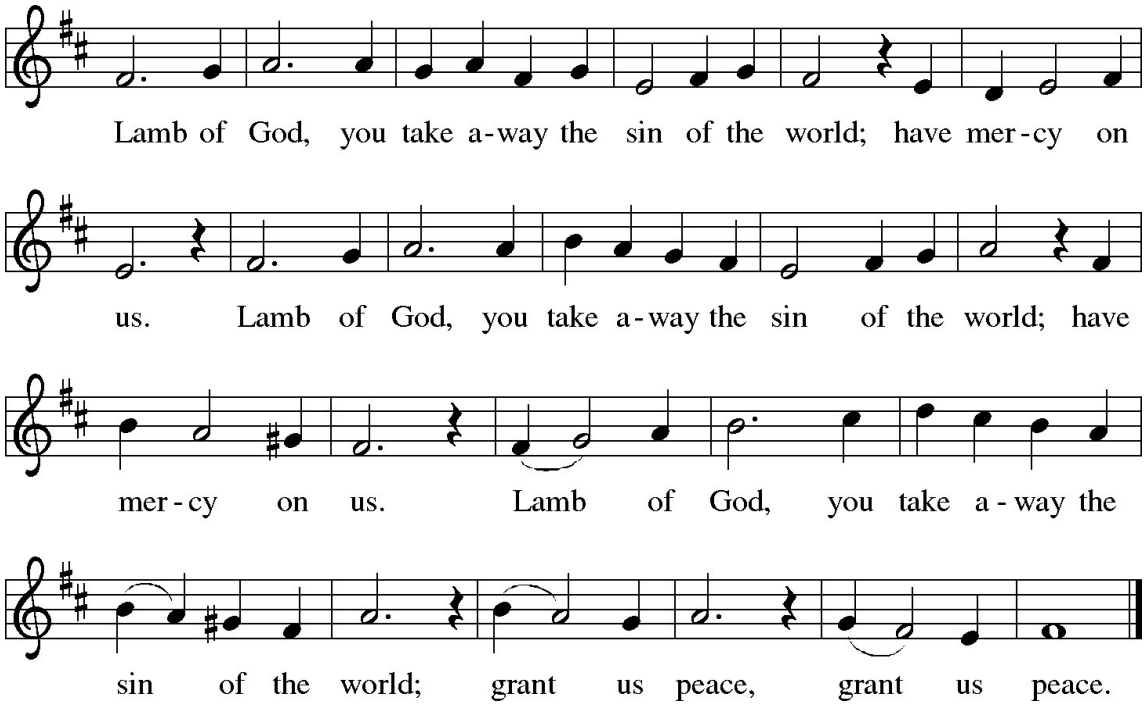
P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.
Amen.

Invitation to Communion

P: Christ has prepared the feast. Come to the table where all are welcomed home.

Agnus Dei - *The congregation joins in singing:*


Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Hymn

For the Bread Which You Have Broken

1 For the bread which you have bro - ken, for the wine which you have poured,
2 By this prom - ise that you love us, by your gift of peace re - stored,
3 With the saints who now a - dore you, seat-ed at the heav'n - ly board,
4 In your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward;

for the words which you have spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.
by your call to heav'n a - bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord.
may the church still wait - ing for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord.
in the world to which you send us let your king - dom come, O Lord.

Text: Louis F. Benson, 1855–1930, alt.
Music: OMNI DIE, *Gross Catolisch Gesangbuch*, Nürnberg, 1631
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Prayer after Communion

A: Let us pray. Lord Jesus, in a wonderful sacrament you strengthen us with the saving power of your suffering, death, and resurrection. May this sacrament of your body and blood so work in us that the fruits of your redemption will show forth in the way we live, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Easter Blessing

P: The blessing of the Lord God Almighty, the blessing of + Christ, the Lamb who was slain, and the blessing of the Spirit of truth be among you and remain with you always.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn

Thine Is the Glory

1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the
2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he
3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-
vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment
greets thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness
out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con - qu'rors,
rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;
through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan
Refrain
where thy bod - y lay.
death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring
to thy home a - bove.
Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

Text: Edmond Budry, 1854–1932; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875–1939
Music: JUDAS MACCABAEUS, George Frideric Handel, 1685–1759

Dismissal

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Welcome for Easter Sunday Service

You are welcome to join us for the Easter Sunday services at 10am on our YouTube channel tomorrow morning. We continue our celebration of the risen Christ!

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